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OSWALD, Lee H. Post-Russian Period

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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

FPCC
NATHANIAL WEYL
JOHN V. MARTINO

(one of the 5 Watergate burglars)

Synopsis:

Records, Tampa, Fla. PD, reflect that JERRY BUCHANAN, who allegedly fought with OSWALD in Miami in 10/62, was released from Florida State Penitentiary on 10/16/62, and was in Tampa during period 10/21-30/62. FRANK FIORINI, head of International Anti-Communist Brigade (IAB), Miami, Fla., has no knowledge that IAB or IAB member JERRY BUCHANAN was involved in any incident with OSWALD at Miami. JAMES C. BUCHANAN, former reporter for the Pompano Beach, Fla. "Sun-Sentinel", stated he has no personal or first-hand knowledge of OSWALD or OSWALD's activities. He stated his newspaper stories on OSWALD were obtained from sources he regarded as reliable, whose accuracy he did not question. He declined to reveal the identity of a printer at Miami whom he alleges printed pro-CASTRO literature for OSWALD. Concerning the alleged fight between his brother, JERRY BUCHANAN, and OSWALD, he maintains this information was received from a Cuban named SANCHEZ, a member of the organization "Los Pinos", and he has never talked to his brother about this alleged fight. He said he knows no person who was a witness to the presence of OSWALD in Miami, but thought his brother, JERRY BUCHANAN, should be contacted in that respect. When informed that his brother had been contacted and had furnished a varying account, BUCHANAN said he knew only what SANCHEZ had told him. Efforts to identify SANCHEZ through anti-CASTRO organization Los Pinos Nuevos (LPN), or through interview of one JESUS SANCHEZ, resulted negatively. Inquiries concerning a

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demonstration involving OSWALD at Miami about 3/63, as alleged by JAMES BUCHANAN, resulted in information from officers of the Cuban Refugee Center, Miami Police Officer and Miami Police records that no such demonstration occurred. Law enforcement agencies, Miami, possess no record of OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation is predicated upon information attributed to JIM BUCHANAN, reporter for the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel", alleging various activities of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Miami, Florida:

As reflected on Page 2 of the report of Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR dated December 3, 1963, at Miami, Florida, in the caption "LEE HARVEY OSWALD; IS - R", an article appeared in the November 26, 1963, issue of the "Sun-Sentinel" by BUCHANAN. This article referred to FRANK FIORINI of the International Anti-Communist Brigade as BUCHANAN's source concerning OSWALD's activities in Miami. FIORINI, upon interview, as set forth in the same report, repudiated the statements attributed to him by BUCHANAN in the news article.

Also, the report of Special Agent O'CONNOR at Miami on January 25, 1964 was devoted to efforts to resolve allegations concerning OSWALD's activities at Miami, Florida, as printed in the "Sun-Sentinel" issue of December 4, 1963. The investigation bearing on the statements of that article resulted in assertions by members of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (Students Revolutionary Directorate) (DRE), an anti-CASTRO organization at Miami, that the news article was false in every allegation. Although this article did not appear under the by-line of JIM BUCHANAN, the latter, when interviewed at Miami on April 28, 1964, stated he had written this article, entitled, "Cover-Up by FBI Charged", but that the article had been edited.

Also, in the course of interviews of NATHANIEL WEYL of Delray Beach, Florida, and Mr. JOHN V. MARTINO of Miami Beach, Florida, as set forth in the report of Special Agent O'CONNOR at Miami dated April 4, 1964, references

were made by both Mr. WEYL and Mr. MARTINO to the fact that some of the information they possessed concerning alleged activities of OSWALD in Miami had been received from JIM BUCHANAN, reporter for the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel".

The following investigation is set forth as pertinent to the statement by JERRY BUCHANAN that he had been in a fight at Miami in October of 1962 with members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) including LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Interview of JERRY BUCHANAN was set forth in the report of Special Agent JOSEPH T. BOSTON, dated March 30, 1964, at Mobile, Alabama.

A characterization of the FPCC is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

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FRANK FIORINI, employed as a car salesman for Guarantee Motors, 5560 Northwest Seventh Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised he was the original founder of the anti-CASTRO organization known as the International Anti-Communist Brigade. He stated GERALDINE SHAMMA of Hollywood, Florida, who had been incarcerated for an extended period by the CASTRO regime in Cuba, holds the position of Vice-President of the organization. He stated that JIM BUCHANAN, reporter for the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel", is the Secretary and Director of Propaganda for the organization. FIORINI stated that in about December of 1963, he "walked out" on the organization, because he considered BUCHANAN to be excessive in his attacks on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), even going so far as to describe former President JOHN F. KENNEDY as a communist. FIORINI stated he believes in utilizing three-fourths truth and one-fourth lie in order to obtain effective propaganda, but he regarded BUCHANAN as having gone far beyond this point in the propaganda which was being written for the International Anti-Communist Brigade.

It was pointed out to Mr. FIORINI that JERRY BUCHANAN, brother of JIM BUCHANAN, upon interview during March of 1964 at Fairhope, Alabama, had stated he was a member of the International Anti-Communist Brigade at Miami, Florida for the past several years, and that during October of 1962, members of the Brigade had engaged in a fight at the Bayfront Park section of Miami with members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) who were distributing pro-CASTRO literature.

Mr. FIORINI advised he believed such an incident as related by JERRY BUCHANAN would have come to his attention,

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by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR:plm Date dictated 4/14/64

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but the fact is that he had no information that the Brigade had ever been involved in such an incident, or that the FPCC had distributed pro-CASTRO literature in Miami.

It was pointed out to Mr. FIORINI that according to JERRY BUCHANAN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD was one of the members of the FPCC who was engaged in the fight in Bayfront Park, and further, that OSWALD was again in Miami as of March, 1963 distributing pro-CASTRO literature.

Mr. FIORINI stated he considered these allegations by JERRY BUCHANAN as ridiculous and without any foundation in fact. He said that as head of the International Anti-Communist Brigade, he would certainly have learned of such incidents at Miami from other members of the Brigade. Mr. FIORINI stated that this was the first he had heard that JERRY BUCHANAN claimed that OSWALD had been engaged in a fight with members of the Brigade in Bayfront Park, Miami.

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